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Serial No. 10/750,404	Filing Date December 30, 2003	Examiner Not yet assigned	Group Art Unit Not yet assigned
Inventor(s) Price et al.			
Title of Invention CUSTOMIZABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH EXTENSIBLE LAYERS			

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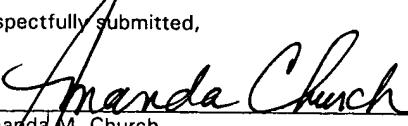
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the relevant listed documents required by 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Pursuant to the waiver of the rules change effective June 30, 2003, Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications for applications filed after June 30, 2003, (see 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i)). Copies of U.S. patent documents are not required and therefore are not being submitted herewith inasmuch as the captioned application was filed in the USPTO after June 30, 2003.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	PATENTEE
4,847,134	07/1989	Fahrenkrug et al.
5,411,498	05/1995	Fahrenkrug et al.
5,824,004	10/1998	Osborn, III et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 321 980 B1	06/1989	Europe
EP 0 321 985 A	06/1989	Europe
WO 98/55065 A	12/1998	WIPO

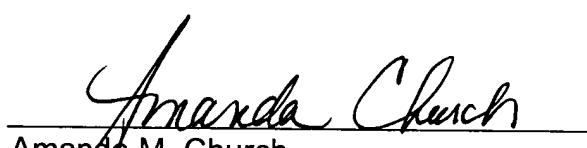
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**      **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

RECENT PARENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	A4	EP 0 321 980 B1	06/1989	Europe		
	A5	EP 0 321 985 A	06/1989	Europe		
	A6	WO 98/55065 A	12/1998	WIPO		

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#### **OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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